

# TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO†

## EXCERPTS FROM OUR STATE MEDICAL JOURNAL

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EXCERPTS FROM EDITORIAL NOTES

*Southern California Medical Society.*—The sixtieth regular semi-annual meeting of the Southern California Medical Society, held in the Mission Inn at Riverside, May 14 and 15, 1919, was a banner meeting in attendance. The following program was successfully carried out and held the interest of the delegates until the last paper was read and discussed. . . .

Dr. Walter V. Brem won ringing applause of all the delegates when he stated: "The League for the Conservation of Public Health does not represent any particular section, group, department or clique of the ethical medical profession of California, but all sections, groups and departments in particular. It has no interests but the interests of the medical profession as a whole. We have been supine, afflicted by a great inertia and idly watched incompetents profiteer on the health of the public." . . .

Following the Riverside meeting the officers of the League from Northern California were given a luncheon in the Blue Room of the Los Angeles Athletic Club on May 16. Dr. George H. Kress acted as toastmaster and with felicitous phrasing presented Drs. H. A. L. Ryfkogel, John H. Graves, W. T. McArthur, Granville MacGowan, W. W. Beckett, J. F. Cook and Mr. Celestine J. Sullivan. . . .

*Health League of Nations.*—Probably no more important subsidiary proposition could be considered in the League of Nations than the establishment of an international agency devoted to the interests of public health. Without health all other international codes fail. Nothing so surely isolates a nation today as illness. Certainly health, in the broadest sense, is one of the most vital and statesmanlike departments which can be incorporated in the League of Nations. . . .

*Editorial Comment.*—Strange, is it not, that newspapers which parade the prurient episodes of murder, divorce and abortion in heavy type on the first page, should modestly refuse to call syphilis and gonorrhea by name! Such hypocritical mock modesty is a tremendous handicap in public health education.

### EXCERPTS FROM ORIGINAL AND OTHER ARTICLES

*From an Article on "A Review of our Knowledge Concerning the Etiology of Influenza," With notes on the Bacterial Flora of Respiratory Cultures of Influenza Patients in San Francisco, and the Value of Prophylactic Vaccination with B. Influenzae Vaccine," by K. F. Meyer, Assisted by L. E. McRoberts, J. E. Stickel, H. E. Brown, J. Wollenberg.*—The request of your Committee, to introduce a symposium on Influenza by a consideration of the etiology of this disease was accepted,

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† This column strives to mirror the work and aims of colleagues who bore the brunt of Association activities some twenty-five years ago. It is hoped that such presentation will be of interest to both old and new members. Historical reminiscences, papers and other archives will be welcomed by the C.M.A. Committee on History, to whom such should be sent. Address same to the Committee's Secretary, Dr. George H. Kress, Room 2004, 450 Sutter, San Francisco, 8.

# BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA†

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## Board Proceedings

The next oral examination to be conducted by the Board of Medical Examiners is scheduled to be held at the Board office, 907 State Building, Los Angeles, commencing at 10 A.M. August 19, 1944. Applicants, in order to be eligible for admission to this examination, must have their applications on file in the office of the Board at Sacramento at least two weeks before the date of examination.

## News

"The Masonic Fraternity will conduct the funeral services Wednesday at 1:30 P.M. in East Lawn Chapel for Dr. Charles Edward Schoff, 59, Sacramento dermatologist, who died yesterday afternoon in his home at 1337 Forty-first Street. He had been ill four years. . . . He served as a member of the State Board of Medical Examiners from 1929 until 1940. . . ." (Sacramento Bee, May 29, 1944.)

"After hearing testimony yesterday of Dr. Frank C. Webb, county autopsy surgeon, Municipal Judge Wilber F. Downs ordered Dr. Roland K. Harris, chiropractor, held to answer to the Superior Court on a charge of murder. Webb testified that, in his opinion, the death of Mrs. Julia Zubillage, 26, of Los Angeles, on April 13, was due to bleeding caused by an attempt to perform an illegal operation. Arraignment of Dr. Harris in Superior Court was set for May 22 at 9:30 A.M. He is at liberty on \$10,000 bail." (Long Beach Sun, May 6, 1944.)

"Clyde Turner late yesterday pleaded not guilty to a charge of posing as a doctor and attempting to treat the sick and afflicted without license, and requested a jury trial. He was released on \$100 bail and will be tried May 29th in the court of Justice of the Peace T. F. Lewis. Complaint against Turner was brought by Joseph W. Williams, special Agent of the State Board of Medical Examiners. Williams said Turner was not qualified to practice physical therapy and foot correction nor treat neuritis, nervous disorders or arthritis as he advertised. He said Turner had been issued a city license to practice as a chiropractor, but that he was not eligible to practice as such nor to apply for a license. He said Turner has a diploma from a massage school." (Sacramento Bee, May 20, 1944.)

"A self-styled 'soul doctor,' who is accused of defrauding a Fresno family of \$285 after offering to cure a member of the family of cancer, today is in jail here charged with grand theft and practicing medicine without a license. She is Mrs. Maria Espinosa, 34, mother of four children, who was arrested in her home in Porterville last night by Deputy Sheriff J. W. Ripperdan and J. W. Williams, a special agent for the State Medical Board. Mrs. Garcia, who had been under treatment in the Fresno County General Hospital for cancer, was discharged from that institution April 10th as incurable. A short time later, Ripperdan declared, Mrs.

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